THERE'S A GOOD REASON. RIGHT NOW I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY FOOD AT ALL.

SINCE WHEN DID YOU STOP ENJOYING RAMEN FIRST THING IN THE MORNING? KEEP THAT UP AND YOU WON'T SURVIVE LONG.

WHAT'S WITH YOU?

HMM? I SEE.

A LOT OF STUFF HAP-PENED WHILE EVERYONE WAS ASLEEP.

EH- WA- AH- EVEN IF SUMMER IS OVER, THAT'S A FINE LOOK!! WH- WHAT ABOUT WORK? W- WORK?

S-SWIM? RIGHT NOW?

HASHIME!! PROFESSOR!! AFTER YOU FINISH EATING LET'S GO SWIMMING!!

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WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? COME ON IN, HASHIME!! THE WATER FEELS GOOD.

I'M A MAN. I CAN'T SAY THAT.

GO AHEAD AND TELL HER YOU SINK LIKE A ROCK.

IS IT OKAY TO BE SWIMMING AT SUCH A CRITICAL TIME...?

INSIDE THE CAVESHIP IS SO PEACEFUL...IT'S WARM YEAR ROUND. BUT THIS IS LA-METAL...

COME ON, HASHIME!

WHAT IS YAYOI THINKING, UNCLE...?

SO MANY PEOPLE ARE SWIMMING... WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED?

IF YOU DROWN, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SAVE YOURSELF, HASHIME. I CAN'T SWIM A LICK.

HYEE, IT'S COLD!

THIS THING IS A LAST RESORT, BUT AT LEAST I'M SWIMMING!

HASHIME! DID YOU EVER GO SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN WITH YOUR PARENTS?

NEVER. MY DAD WAS ALWAYS BUSY WITH WORK.

THAT'S OKAY. LARLELLA MADE ME REMEMBER MUCH WORSE.

I'M SORRY. I RESURRECTED A PAINFUL MEMORY.

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BY THE WAY, SHE HASN'T BEEN SENDING HER SHADOW OVER. IS THE COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OUT OF ORDER?

COULD BE.

I DON'T GET THESE PEOPLE AT ALL. HOW CAN THEY FROLIC HERE SO CAREFREE...?

I JUST CAN'T NDERSTAND EARTH-LINGS OR PEOPLE FROM LA-METAL WHO HAVE LIVED ON EARTH FOR A LONG TIME...

LARLELLA GOT PUZ-ZLED AND DISAP-PEARED.

EH? WHERE WAS SHE? I DON'T LIKE HER!!

BUT THAT'S OKAY. ON EARTH I'LL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO STUDY. AND HASHIME WILL COME ALONG FOR SURE...

I GUESS...

YOU STILL DON'T HAVE ANY APPETITE EVEN AFTER SWIMMING?

HASHIME, TAKE A DEEP BREATH. DOESN'T THAT MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER?

PERHAPS...

BUT TO BE SWIMMING AND EATING AT A RESTAURANT...AND UNCLE DRINKING BEER AND GETTING DRUNK...ISN'T IT A LITTLE MUCH...?

PEOPLE FROM LA-METAL HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED THIS. THEY SLEEP FOR 999 YEARS AND WORK CEASELESSLY FOR A YEAR...ON A SORROWFUL WORLD LIKE EARTH...THERE IS ROOM FOR RELAXATION...THAT'S WHAT WILL SAVE IT...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EVEN WHEN THINGS LOOK BLEAK, IF YOU COLLECT YOURSELF CALMLY...YOU CAN WIN IN THE END...PEOPLE HAVE LEARNED THIS LESSON THROUGHOUT HISTORY...

PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS WORKED...THEN RESTED...THEN BEEN ABLE TO RESUME THEIR WORK REFRESHED. IF ALL YOU DO IS WORK, YOU'LL GIVE OUT...

LOOK. THE CAVESHIPS FOR MOSCOW AND CAIRO HAVE ARRIVED. AND RIO DE JANEIRO AND ROME ARE HERE, TOO.

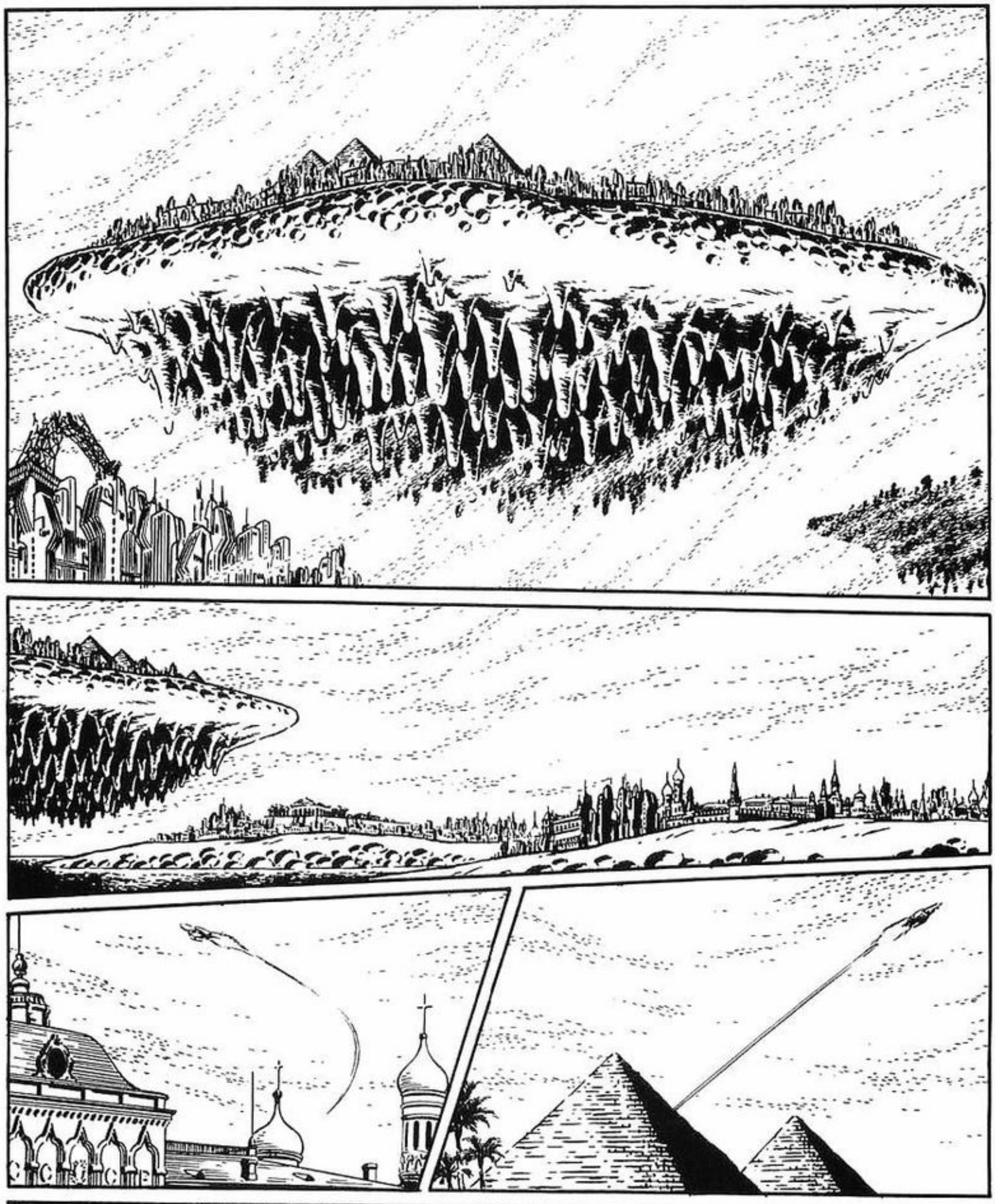
ON THE WAY THEY PASSED BY THE PEOPLE OF LA-METAL GOING TOWARDS EARTH...

ALL THE MAJOR CITIES OF EARTH HAVE MOVED HERE.

EARTHLINGS...THAT'S RIGHT. WHEN I WAS WITH LARLELLA I SAW A WHOLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE WORKING!!

THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE ON LA-METAL AWAITING RESCUE.

IF EARTH ISN'T GOING TO CRACK UP, IT MAKES NO SENSE TO HAVE EVACUATED. WE SHOULD HEAD BACK AT ONCE.


ABOVE PLANET LA-MET-AL, AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ALL MANKIND WILL COM-MENCE...
REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OTHER CITIES ARE GATHERING HERE... THERE'S NO MORE TIME FOR TAKING IT EASY, HASHIME.

THE CAVESHIPS OF EARTH ARE SPLASHING DOWN IN A RADIAL PATTERN WITH YAYOI'S CAVESHIP AT THE CENTER. IT SEEMS TO BE SOME KIND OF CONFERENCE...

WHAT KIND OF PLOT MIGHT THEY BE HATCHING...?

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT SOMETHING, DOCTAR FARA?

R- RIGHT

NO MATTER HOW MUCH THOSE EARTH MONKEYS JABBER AMONGST THEMSELVES, THEIR FATE WILL BE THE SAME. YOUR BROTHER LEOPARDO IS LAUGHING.

N- NO

FARA, IF A HUNDRED MONKEYS GATHERED TOGETHER, WOULD YOU BE AFRAID OF THEM?

I APOLOGIZE...

BUT THE RESULT IS THAT SHE HAS LEFT MY SIDE...AND YOU MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY.

HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR FIANCÉ YAYOI...PROMETHIUM? I WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPECTED TO ASK...

"MAYU"...

INSIDE "MAYU" THERE ARE AS MANY AS YOU MIGHT EVER WANT JUST LIKE HER.

FU FU. YOU CAN'T SERIOUSLY BE WORRIED ABOUT HAVING HAD A QUARREL WITH YAYOI, FARA.

YAYOI IS ONLY ONE OF COUNTLESS OTHERS CHOSEN EXACTLY LIKE SHE WAS.

WE'LL AWAKEN AS MANY AS IT TAKES UNTIL THERE'S ONE YOU LIKE!!

LET'S CHOOSE THE NEXT QUEEN MILLENNIAL AND AWAKE HER.

HASHIME.

I ENVY THAT EARTH MONKEY NAMED HASHIME.

NO, SHE IS DIF-FERENT...SHE MAY LOOK THE SAME, BUT THERE ISN'T ANOTHER PERSON LIKE HER.

WITHOUT FAIL!!

HASHIME...I'M GOING TO SNATCH THAT LITTLE MONKEY OUT OF YAYOI'S CLUTCHES...I'M GOING TO SMASH THE IMAGE OF YAYOI IN HIS HEART TO SMITHEREENS!!

NO ONE CROSSES ME...

LEONARDO'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND WAS DELAYED BY CARMILLA AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP.

HANNIBAL'S PLANET CARMILLA IS APPROACHING. AND SEREN'S FLEET IS FOLLOWING CLOSELY.

HANNIBAL...HE'S BEEN LIVING ALONE AND DOING WHATEVER HE WANTED FOR A LONG TIME... WHY...!!

CALM DOWN!! IF WE PANIC WE'VE ALREADY LOST.

COMMANDER LEOPARDO!! AT THIS RATE PLANET CARMILLA WILL COLLIDE WITH LADY LARLELLA'S SHIP.

IT'S USELESS!! MY BROTHER'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND CANNOT FEND OFF THE APPROACH OF PLANET CARMILLA!!

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QUIT WORRYING ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER AND WATCH QUIETLY.

IT MAY ONLY BE AN ASTEROID, BUT IT'S ENORMOUS. WE'LL BE SMASHED TO SMITHER-EENS!!

ALL THE NATIONS' REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ARRIVED, MILLENNIAL QUEEN.

HANNIBAL DOES NOT WANT TO HARM LARLELLA... HE...

WEIRD. AT THE LAST SECOND, CARMILLA... STOOD OFF.

EHH · YAYOI · YUKINO · REPRESENTING · THE · KANTO · REGION · OF · THE · JAPANESE · ARCHIPEL-AGO...THAT · IS...QUEEN · MILLENNIAL · LAR · AN-DROMEDA · PROMETHEUS

UWAH!! THERE REALLY ARE A LOT IN HERE!!

E- EH? I- I'M A REPRESENTATIVE TOO? NO WAY...

ALSO · REPRESENTING · FRIENDS... HASHIME · AMAMORI!

EVERYONE, I APOLOGIZE FOR KEEPING YOU WAITING. LET US COMMENCE OUR DISCUSSIONS AT ONCE.

ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EVERY COUNTRY... LOOK JUST LIKE YAYOI...LIKE MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS...OR SISTERS!!

TODAY WE MUST MAKE A MOMENTOUS DECISION!! WE CAN IMMIGRATE INTO LA-METAL...OR WE CAN RETURN TO EARTH!!

WE EACH ARE IN CHARGE OF A CAVESHIP THAT HAS BROUGHT A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO LA-METAL.

OH QUEEN, WE ENTRUST OURSELVES TO YOUR WISDOM IN THIS MATTER. WE HAVE FAITH THAT YOU WILL MAKE THE SAME DECISION THAT WE OURSELVES WOULD MAKE...

EHH? I'M THE ONE WHO DECIDES!?

BUT LET US HEAR HASHIME AMAMORI'S OPINION IN THIS MATTER.

THANK YOU...YOUR DETERMINATION...IS ALIGNED WITH MINE...

IF I WERE TO DE-CIDE...THE DECISION WOULD BE EASY. YOU COULD ASK ME A HUN-DRED TIMES, BUT THERE WOULD ONLY BE ONE ANSWER!!

IF EARTH DOESN'T BREAK UP, I WOULD RETURN TO EARTH!! I WANT TO RETURN TO EARTH AND LIVE THERE!!

EVEN IF LA-METAL WERE TO STAY INSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM AND BECOME A WARM FERTILE PLANET WITH MUCH AGRICULTURE...

THAT IS OUR DECISION. WE MUST TAKE RE-SPONSIBILITY AND CARRY THE PEOPLE BACK TO EARTH.

THAT'S RIGHT...THEY ARE THE GUARDS THAT IMPRISON US IN THIS THIS JAIL CALLED LA-METAL...

MACHINE PEOPLE? YOU MEAN LIKE AN-DROIDS?

BUT FIRST WE MUST DO BATTLE WITH THE MACHINE PEOPLE HERE ON LA-METAL THAT WILL HINDER US...

WE MUST OVERTAKE IT AND RETURN WHILE THE AIR-BRIDGE IS STILL IN PLACE.

LA-METAL'S IMMIGRATION CAVESHIP IS BOUND FOR EARTH.

I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT'S GOOD NEWS...

THE BATTLE FLEET OF THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES GUARDING PLANET CARMILLA HAS ENTERED OUR ATMOSPHERE.

YOU MEAN MOST OF THE PEOPLE ON EARTH AND LA-METAL HAVE SWAPPED PLACES...

BUT LA-METAL'S CONTINENTAL CAVE-SHIP HAS ALREADY LEFT FOR EARTH...

SEEING ALL THOSE REPRESENTATIVES THAT LOOK JUST LIKE YAYOI GIVES ME THE FEELING THEY ARE ANDROIDS THEMSELVES...

THEY SAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT LA-METAL ANDROIDS.

HAS THE CONFERENCE OF QUEEN MILLENNIALS ENDED?

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BE QUIET! I'M BUSY STUDYING THESE BONES OF PREHISTORIC HUMANS.

RIGHT HERE IT SEEMS LIKE WE NEVER LEFT EARTH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

二食ラーメン堂
ラーメン

I'M TOO DIZZY FROM THE BATH-WATER. I CAN'T HANDLE AN EGG...

IT'S PERFECT, MOM. HASHIME SAYS YOU CAN PUT AN EGG IN HIS MISO SOUP.

HOW'S THE TEMPERA-TURE? SHALL I HEAT IT UP?

HASHIME, YOU GO IN WITH YAYOI.

THE FIRST THING YOU NEED AFTER COMING HOME IS A GOOD HOT BATH. AFTER THAT, DINNER.

NO... I'M...

OH, IT'S YAYOI!!

UH-HUH. THANKS, MOM.

DO YOU LIKE IT, YAYOI?

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EVERY SINCE YOU WERE A CHILD, YOU'VE ALWAYS EATEN AS THOUGH YOU ENJOYED IT.

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SOMEHOW...YOU SEEM DIFFERENT TODAY.

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I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE COME HOME BECAUSE YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL US?

二食ラーメン堂

IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE PARTED WAYS A NUMBER OF TIMES BEFORE. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I HAVE COME TO TELL YOU BOTH THAT WE MUST PART WAYS. I WILL NOT SEE EITHER OF YOU AGAIN.

REALLY GOODBYE?

THIS TIME IT REALLY IS GOODBYE.

HEY, CUT IT OUT! IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?

THANK YOU FOR RAISING ME. I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU.

YAYOI!!

WE ARE ON THE SURFACE OF LA-METAL'S OCEAN...WHAT WILL HAPPEN NEXT...IS NOT A GOOD THING.

DON'T WORRY. EVERY TIME SHE SAYS THAT SHE COMES BACK ANYWAY.

SHE CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

WELL...IT'S A BIT STRANGE.

THANK YOU FOR RAISING HER. A DEBT SHE CAN NEVER RE-PAY...HUH...

YAYOI ISN'T SUPPOSED TO KNOW!!

THE ONLY PERSON WHO KNOWS YAYOI IS NOT OUR REAL DAUGHTER IS PROFESSOR AMAMORI!!

IF HE LET THE SECRET OUT, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE HIM!!

IT'S BECAUSE THAT HIGH-AND-MIGHTY PROFESSOR CAN'T KEEP HIS TRAP SHUT! I BET HE TALKED!!

YAYOI IS ACTING REALLY STRANGE!!

HASHIME!! YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SPREADING RUMORS ABOUT ME...

YOUR · REPUTA-TION · IS · GETTING · WORSE · BY · THE · DAY...GIVE · IT · UP · PRO-FESSOR

HUH...MY EARS ARE ITCHING. BOTH OF THEM. COULD SOME-ONE BE TALKING BAD ABOUT ME?

WHILE I WAS FOLLOWING ORDERS FROM LA-METAL...I TRUSTED THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF GREAT LEADER LARLELLA...

FOR A THOUSAND YEARS...I HAVE STEERED THE PEOPLES OF EARTH...IT WAS WITH THE BEST INTENTIONS...

WHAT HAVE I...!?

MY LIFE CHANGED...I WOULD DO ANYTHING TO RETURN HUMANS TO THEIR PURE-HEARTED ORIGINS...BUT WHAT HAVE I DONE!?

BUT LA-METAL WAS MISTAKEN...AS WAS I...WE TREATED GENTLE EARTHLINGS AS CREATURES OF WAR...

DURING THAT THOUSAND YEARS...PEOPLE CONTINUOUSLY FOUGHT WARS...AND AMASSED HISTORY IN THE MIDST OF AN OCEAN OF BLOOD. IT WAS A STINKING HISTORY WHERE ONLY THE VICTORS IN WAR COULD CALL UPON JUSTICE...

SEREN!!

SIS-TER...YOU COME TO GREET ME YOURSELF?

I AM SEREN, COMMANDER OF THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES!! CONDUCT ME TO THE MILLENNIAL QUEEN!!

RED WINE...A SPECIAL VINTAGE FROM COLONY SYRTIS ON MARS...

YOU MUST BE TIRED, SEREN. WON'T YOU DRINK?

THIS RED WINE LOOKS TOO MUCH LIKE HUMAN BLOOD FOR ME EVER TO BRING IT TO MY LIPS...

EARTH IS HELL...PEOPLE HAVE NO FOOD. THEY GRIT THEIR TEETH AND CLING TO THE SHUDDERING EARTH AND SOMEHOW SURVIVE...

AS I JUST TOLD MY SISTER...IT'S HELL...

WHAT IS EARTH LIKE NOW?

THANK YOU...FROM THE START YOU AND I HAVE HAD A WEIRD CONNECTION, HASHIME!

I BROUGHT YOU SOME WATER, MS. SEREN.

THERE IS NO TIME...HOW DO LA-METAL AND EARTH STAND RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER? WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE BLACK SUN LAR?

HUMANS HAVE CERTAINLY LEARNED TO FIGHT, BUT THEY ALSO HAVE WISDOM TO WEATHER A CRISIS...AND COURAGE. EVERYONE IS WORKING VERY HARD...

BUT DON'T WORRY. HUMANITY WILL NOT BE DESTROYED. EARTH WILL NOT COME TO ITS END.

THE MAXIMUM APPROACH BETWEEN LA-METAL AND EARTH OCCURS IN THIRTEEN HOURS...DUE TO THE ABNORMAL GRAVITY FROM LA-METAL AND THE BLACK SUN LAR, ALL THE PLANETS IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM ARE ALIGNING IN SERIES.

IF NEITHER PLANET IS DESTROYED, AFTER FORTY-EIGHT HOURS THE AIR BRIDGE WILL DISSIPATE AND THE APPROACH WILL BE OVER. THE TWO WILL BEGIN TO SEPARATE...

WHILE THE AIR BRIDGE BETWEEN THE TWO PLANETS REMAINS...AND BEFORE THE APPROACH IS OVER AND THE TWO PLANETS SEPARATE, WE HAVE TO RETURN ALL THE EARTHLINGSS TO EARTH.

SO WE'RE GOING BACK TO EARTH!!

THE CONTINENTAL CAVESHIP FROM LA-METAL HAS ENTERED EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE...

TO SEE THE EFFECT LAR IS HAVING ON THE ORBIT OF LA-METAL, WE NOTE THAT LAR IS PASSING RAPIDLY THROUGH SPACE VERTICAL TO THE GALACTIC PLANE...

THOSE ARE FIRES OF THE ENCAMP-MENTS OF EARTH-LINGS WHO HAVE ARRIVED ON LA-METAL...EARTH WAS LIKE THAT IN PRIMITIVE TIMES...

YAYOI!! WHAT ARE THOSE LIGHTS TWIN-KLING LIKE STARS ON THE SURFACE OF LA-METAL!?

WHAT'S THAT? WHAT'S THAT LIGHT!?

IT'S PUTTING OUT A SILVER LIGHT. IT'S A LIGHT BOMB!! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE IT!!

AH!!

AH

LA-METAL TANKS!! TANKS ARE COMING!!